

The City of Gaithersburg's Multicultural Affairs Committee was formed in 1989 to keep the Mayor and Council informed of the needs and concerns of the diverse communities of the City. The Committee also is available as a resource on multicultural issues to local non-profits, schools, churches, and other community groups.

The Committee shares responsibility for working on the City's Strategic Direction #4: *Assess the needs of the City's culturally diverse population and implement programs to enhance delivery of services.* Part of that work includes finding ways to help our cultural communities take advantage of all the services the City offers.

The Committee commemorates the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., each year by participating in the joint Gaithersburg/Takoma Park/Montgomery County MLK Day Commemorative Celebration. The Committee sponsors a Literary Arts Contest for Gaithersburg area students to provide them with an opportunity

to examine and value Dr. King's teachings. Students of all ages read their winning essays at the annual MLK Celebration. The Committee also participates in planning for the annual Olde Towne Gaithersburg Day celebration and other events as opportunity warrants.

The Multicultural Affairs Committee welcomes input on current projects and ideas for future efforts. All citizens are welcome to join the Committee, which meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in City offices. All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. If you are interested in your City and would like to become a member, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Mayor. All prospective candidates are encouraged to attend a meeting of the Committee prior to joining. If you would like to know more about the Committee before attending a meeting or submitting a letter, please contact Linda Morganstein, Director, Citizen Services at 301-258-6399.

Our Mission Statement:

"To continue to enrich

our City through

the promotion of

understanding, respect,

and appreciation for

the many cultures of

Gaithersburg."

Many Cultures,
One City



The City of Gaithersburg's Multicultural Affairs Committee

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